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CHICOM REQUIREMENTS FOR TALENT COVERAGE

1. TALENT coverage of the CHICOM coastal areas opposite TAIWAN and as far north as SHANGHAI has occurred on four occasions in the summer and early fall of 1958 for the purposes of discerning if possible the posture of the CHICOM ground, air, and naval forces and the possibility or probability of attempts to invade either the Offshore Islands or TAIWAN itself. The most comprehensive assessment in terms of the foregoing is now dated [ ] which marks the most recent extensive coverage and, when linked with that of [ ] showed extensive ground build-up, confirmed air build-up, but did not reveal any concentration of amphibious forces in the area. All areas critical to the amphibious force were not covered.

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2. The intelligence estimate on the situation viz-a-viz TAIWAN and the Off shore Islands at the moment is that the military forces on the CHICOM coast are more likely to be used in connection with political maneuvering than in connection with an all out assault either on the Offshore Islands or TAIWAN itself in the near future.

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4. It is in the face of the foregoing possible circumstance that we believe the most critical requirement is to obtain comprehensive TALENT coverage of the area from CANTON to the SHANTUNG Peninsula on the coast and airfields and ground forces as far as 300 miles inland to be accomplished

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at the same time within the next month, thereby providing an adequate intelligence base for the analysis of CHICOM capabilities both in terms of assault or movement of forces for political reasons.

5. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (ARC) reiterates its view that the highest priority requirements for TALENT coverage lie in USSR itself.



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Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

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TO: Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr.		
ROOM NO. 319	BUILDING Admin	
REMARKS:		
<p>Attached paper was prepared this a. m. as agreed ARC views for use by Admiral Burke in his discussions with JCS next week.</p> <p>You may recall that JCS placed on Burke the task of submitting a round-up on this question at its meeting last Tuesday.</p> <p><i>On Oct-10 AF reported Walsh at least had no objection. They did not know whether he endorsed strongly or not. JCR.</i> (Att: TCS-4029-58 cy 1)</p>		
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